GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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CBI COORDINATION WITH KARNATAKA POLICE
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Bureau of Investigation proposes to coordinate with Karnataka Police to cull `relevant information` from the police investigation in the State in relation to the alleged terror plot at Glasgow Airport in UK and Brisbane in Australia;

(b) if so, whether the information is being scrutinized by the central agency in tandem with the central intelligence agencies before passing to the concerned authorities/agencies through the Ministry of External Affairs for investigation;

(c) if so, the details of the latest position; and

(d) the steps taken by the Union Government to meet the situation in future in the States?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a) to (c): Section 166 B of Code of Criminal Procedure, 1973 (Cr. P.C.) inter-alia provides that on receipt of a Letter of Request from a Court or an authority in a country or place outside India, competent to issue such a letter in that country or place for the examination of any person or production of any document or thing in relation to an offence under investigation in that country or place, the Central Government may, if it thinks fit, send the letter to any police officer for investigation, who shall thereupon investigate into the offence in the same manner, as if the offence had been committed within India. The Ministry of Home Affairs, after examining the Letters of Request, one each from the Government of Australia and the Government of United Kingdom in connection with the alleged terror plot in UK, has asked the CBI to coordinate with the Karnataka Police for execution of the letters of request to the extent permissible under Indian Laws.

(d): Letters of Request received from Foreign Countries for legal assistance in criminal matters are considered as per the procedure laid down as indicated in reply to paras (a) to (c) above.